

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Triantafyllos et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,233,611). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Applicant maintains the arguments previously presented in the Amendment filed March 22, 2005. In addition, the rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons set forth below.

Claim 1, as amended by the Amendment filed March 22, 2005, recites the step of “reporting a renewal completion notification when data renewal of an output screen on which a simulation result is reflected becomes definite.” The Triantafyllos et al. reference fails to teach or suggest reporting a renewal completion notification when data renewal of an output screen on which a simulation result is reflected becomes definite.

Further, Applicant respectfully notes that the Examiner has failed to indicate or otherwise specify how the Triantafyllos reference is anticipatory of reporting a renewal completion notification when data renewal of an output screen on which a simulation result is reflected becomes definite.

As recited by Claim 1, when the renewal completion notification is reported, the simulation result is captured. In other words, the reporting of the renewal completion

notification triggers the “stopping the simulation and capturing the simulation result” step.

The Triantafyllos reference does not operate in this manner. Rather, the Triantafyllos reference uses a “Lookfor” function to check the data written in the logical video buffer. Triantafyllos Col. 10, lines 5-8. The Triantafyllos is silent as to the timing of the call to the Lookfor command. In fact, when the Lookfor call is made, the test program records the current time. Triantafyllos, Col. 10, lines 9-12. The Triantafyllos system then reads the entire screen. Triantafyllos, Col. 12-14. If a two second time elapses, and the proper character is not found then an unsuccessful test is returned. Triantafyllos, Col. 10, lines 42-45.

As recited by Claim 1, the automatic evaluation method includes “reporting a renewal completion notification when data renewal of an output screen on which a simulation result is reflected becomes definite. Triantafyllos fails to teach or suggest each and every claim limitation of Claim 1. For these reasons, Claim 1 defines over the prior art.

Applicant notes that a similar limitation is included in Claim 6, which recites a simulation unit configured to “report a renewal completion notification when data renewal of an output screen on which a simulation result is reflected becomes definite.” For at least the above reasons, Triantafyllos fails to teach or suggest each and every claim limitation of Claim 6.

With regard to Claims 2-5 and 7-11, Applicant notes that each either directly or indirectly depends from Claims 1 and 6, which define over the prior art as discussed in

detail above. Therefore, Claims 2-5 and 7-11 also define over the prior art and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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